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Helms Is Named CIA Chief As Admiral Raborn Resigns

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William F. Raborn Jr. is resigning as Central Intelligence Agency director after less than 14 months on the job.

President Johnson announced Raborn's resignation yesterday along with the promotion of a career professional in the intelligence field—Richard M. Helms—to succeed him.

Helms, 53, who got into the spy business while in the Navy during World War II, has been with CIA since it was created 19 years ago and has been deputy director under Raborn.

The President gave no reason for the resignation of Raborn, a 61-year-old retired vice admiral, except that he wants to return to his home in California. But there have been recurring rumors of unhappiness at high levels within the administration about Raborn's direction of the CIA.

Announces Choices

At a press conference in his office, Johnson also announced he intends to nominate:

Dr. Samuel M. Nabrit, president of Texas Southern University, as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission to succeed Mrs. Mary I. Bunting, who resigned some time ago. Nabrit

is a brother of Dr. James M. Nabrit Jr., now U.S. deputy representative to the United Nations, who plans to return to his post as president of Howard University here in the fall.

Dr. Gerald F. Tape, for reappointment as a member of the Atomic Energy Commission. He has been a member of the AEC since 1963.

Rosel H. Hyde, a Republican first named to the Federal Communications Commission by President Truman in 1952, for reappointment to the FCC. The President also said he plans to designate Hyde as FCC chairman.

Nicholas Johnson, now serving as federal maritime administrator, to fill a vacancy on the FCC created by the May 1 resignation of E. William Henry, former FCC chairman.

Deputy Promoted

Winthrop Knowlton, now deputy assistant secretary of the treasury for international affairs, for promotion to assistant secretary. He would replace Merlyn N. Trued, who resigned recently.

The President also named Henry D. Owen, a member of the State Department's Policy Planning Council for 11 years, as chairman of the council. He

succeeds Walt W. Rostow, recently named a special assistant to the President.

Raborn's resignation as CIA director came in the midst of an attempt by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to put three of its members on a special congressional watchdog committee for the CIA headed by Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga.

There were no official indications whether the approaching battle in the Senate over the proposal to enlarge the watchdog group had anything to do with Raborn's resignation.

Controversies Arose

There has been criticism of Raborn in some quarters on the grounds that as a military man he was not familiar with CIA cloak-and-dagger operations and that there had been morale problems in his administration of the agency.

In recent months, the CIA has become involved in an increasing number of controversies. Two court suits, the Senate dispute and a rash of newspaper and magazine articles have all raised questions about the agency's operations.

Ramparts magazine, in its April issue, charged that Michigan State University had provided a "cover" for CIA operatives in Viet Nam.

University officials acknowledged that CIA men were employed in the project, but said "we did not knowingly hire any CIA men—and when we found out about their role, we dropped them."

At the same time the Michigan State controversy erupted, The Star disclosed that an Estonian immigrant had filed a \$110,000 slander suit in U.S. District Court in Baltimore against a fellow immigrant whom the CIA identified as one of its agents.

Eerik Heine, who filed the suit, alleged that Jui Raus, the CIA employe, was instructed by the intelligence agency to warn Estonian immigrants in this country that Heine was a "dispatched Soviet intelligence operative, a KGB agent."

Both the CIA and Raus have contended that Raus was acting as a government official and therefore was immune to slander suits. The court has not yet ruled on whether that defense can be accepted.

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ADM. WILLIAM F. RABORN
Quits as CIA Chief



RICHARD HELMS
New Intelligence Boss



ROSEL H. HYDE
FCC Chairman



NICHOLAS JOHNSON
Fills FCC Vacancy

Members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, led by Chairman J. W. Fulbright, D-Ark., have voiced concern about allegations that the CIA is playing an increasing role in influencing foreign policy.

Another controversy developed after Foreign Affairs, a prestigious quarterly published an article on "The Faceless Viet Cong," written by George A. Carver Jr. It was subsequently learned that the author was a full-time CIA employe, but the magazine, in a short biography, did not identify him as such.

Last month, the widow of a retired Marine colonel filed an \$800,000 damage suit in U.S. District Court in Norfolk, alleging that her husband committed suicide because of drugs administered to him while he was being interviewed for a CIA position.

"There is no basis for the charges," the CIA said. "No drugs or medicines were ever administered to him at any time during his contacts with agency officials."

Raborn was named in April last year by the President to succeed John A. McCone, a Republican West Coast industrialist, as CIA director.

Johnson pointed out yesterday that Raborn was retired when he asked him to come to Washington to serve "for a period that would be agreeable to



DR. GERALD F. TAPE
New term on AEC



WINTHROP KNOWLTON
Promoted at Treasury

him." He said he told Raborn at the time that he hoped Helms could succeed him at the end of his tour of duty.

"Although he (Raborn) had no desire to return to Washington," the President added, "he agreed to come and serve for an indefinite period. He has done that. Now he desires to return to California."

Helms was named deputy director at the same time Raborn was picked to head the agency. Helms had been deputy director for plans since early 1962, when he succeeded Richard M. Bissell Jr.

Johnson opened his press conference yesterday with an announcement of the first assignment of funds to projects

around the country under the new rent supplement housing program.

He said \$600,000 has been set aside to provide for more than 1,000 units of "modest but decent housing" in Boston, Cleveland, New Orleans, New York, Omaha, Philadelphia, Providence, San Antonio, Saginaw, Mich., Pasco, Wash., the Watts area of Los Angeles, and the Delta area of Mississippi.

Congress appropriated the first money last month under the program approved last year. Johnson again yesterday urged the Senate to approve appropriations to carry the program forward in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

In response to questions, the President indicated that he hopes for a compromise to win Senate passage of the controversial open housing provision of the pending civil rights bill.

"We do have difficulties," the President remarked. "We are trying to resolve them and get a bill that can be approved by a majority of the Congress... we are hopeful we will get a good civil rights bill as near our recommendations as possible. We don't always get all we ask for."

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